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FROM: Sue Ryan *SAR*
SUBJECT: Illinois/R5-8410-01B
MSDGC NU-EARTH Sites
Skokie/Skokie Distribution Center IL-0381
Chicago/Calumet Distribution Center IL-0366
Hanover Park/Fischer Farm IL-0370

Inspections of the above named sites were conducted on August 21 and 22 by Sue Ryan and Kevin Sobnosky. FIT members were accompanied by Mr. Gary Ziols of the Metropolitan Sanitary District.

The Skokie NU-EARTH Distribution Center is located north of the MSD North Side Treatment Plant. It is a 110ft x 330 ft fenced area that is now covered with weeds. The gravel driveway remains on the site. Mr. Ziols stated that 10 truck loads or 200 cubic yards was the amount of NU-EARTH that was at the site at one time. No containment measures such as berms, liners or diking were taken at the site. Surface runoff would flow to the west onto an adjacent park or onto Oakton Road where it would reach the storm sewer and be returned to the treatment plant.

Fischer Farm is part of the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant. Sludge from the plant is applied to fields on the farm as fertilizer and corn and trees are planted. The farm is completely fenced and the individual fields are bermed. An underdrain system collects all drainage and returns it to the plant. No NU-EARTH was ever disposed of at the site.

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The Calumet NU-EARTH Distribution Center is adjacent to the Calumet Treatment Plant. Sludge drying beds have been constructed on the location of the site so conditions that existed during NU-EARTH distribution could not be determined.

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